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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In conjunction with the RCE filed herewith, a one month extension of time for response to which is being requested, please consider the following Preliminary Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to our deposit account No. 12-1155, including all required fees under: 37 C.F.R. §1.16; 37 C.F.R. §1.18; 37 C.F.R. §1.186.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.